

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: February 22nd, 2019

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Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HB 53

Specific Issue: PFC George Dennis McClelland Memorial Highway Road Naming

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes No

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How much time will your testimony require? 3 minutes

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

I am urging support for HB 53, to establish the PFC George Dennis McClelland Memorial Highway in Jefferson County.

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Sponsor Testimony in Support of HB 53

The Ohio House Transportation and Public Safety Committee

Chairman Green, Vice Chair McClain, and Ranking Member Sheehy, thank you for the opportunity to speak before you today about HB 53, legislation that designates a portion of State Route 152 in Jefferson County, Ohio as the "PFC George Dennis McClelland Memorial Highway." Dennis McClelland's sisters and former classmates brought this project to our attention as a way to honor his memory and sacrifice.

Dennis McClelland was born on April 26, 1949 in Jefferson County. He served with "A" company of the 3rd Engineer Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, and arrived in Vietnam shortly after his 20th birthday. As a member of a mine sweeping team, he worked every morning to cover miles of road and to search for hostile devices. PFC McClelland was killed in action on June 23, 1969 while on a road sweep near Vandegriff Combat Base in Quang Tri Province, Vietnam.

Dennis McClelland's commitment to serve his country has created a legacy that his community will not forget. Dedicating a portion of State Route 152 is a small act of gratitude for PFC McClelland's sacrifice and immense service. This legislation specifically designates the portion of road on State Route 152 between the intersection of that route and County Road 56 and township road 249 in Jefferson County, as "PFC George Dennis McClelland Memorial Highway."

Again, naming this road after McClelland is a small but important gesture to honor his sacrifice, to show respect for his family and former classmates, and to ensure his legacy is more visible within the wider Jefferson County community. Chairman Green, Vice Chair McClain, and Ranking Member Sheehy, thank you for taking the time to consider this matter.